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Representative Mark Meadows
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Dear Representative Meadows:

Just yesterday, I was informed about the existence of House Bill 5167 "Limitation of Successor Asbestos-Related Liability". I have been briefed as to its content and I have been made aware of the driving forces behind this legislation. I am firmly of the opinion that any proponent of this Bill is not a friend to labor. I certainly would appreciate the opportunity to express my displeasure relative to this hostile action taken by those political forces who continue to display what one might consider criminal indifference and disregard for the health and safety and well-being of the Michigan worker. It is clear to me that this legislation is designed to hurt the ones who built this state. Most disappointing is the fact that I believe that this legislation was put to rest two years ago.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the committee meeting. I am, at this time, very involved with attempting to secure thousands of jobs for the Michigan building trades in the Power Industry of this state. I truly hope and pray that our friends who do attend and oppose this legislation are able to convince all concerned to do the right thing and kill this bill and place their efforts on the real needs of the people.

Simply put, I am sick and tired of being sick and tired of this continued relentless political blindsided effort at immunity/bail-out legislation at the expense of the Michigan worker. The Michigan worker who has been made a victim of corporate greed and stupidity. I would hope that you all would agree that the Michigan worker is not expendable. There remains an urgent and vital need to assure accountability. The purpose and intent of the law relative to successor liability is clear. The judicial system must be allowed to serve its purpose. The intent of the proponents of this legislation also seems clear. Their efforts must be halted at once.

Sincerely,

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